

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will cross
 For New York. — Per ship *Haze*, to-day, the
 20th inst., at Noon.
 For Swatow and Amoy. — Per *Carriethrough*
 to-day, the 20th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
 For Saigon. — Per *Brammer Castle*, to-day, the
 2d inst., at 4.30 p.m.
 For Yokohama. — Per *Menzies*, to-day, the
 20th inst., at 4.30 p.m.
 For Saigon. — Per *Montgomeryshire*, to-day,
 the 20th inst., at 5 p.m.

For Shanghai.—Per *Meikong*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 10 A.M. Late letters received from Peking, at 10.70 to 10.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Queensland, Sydney, Tasmania, and Melbourne.—Per *Dowry*, to-morrow the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

The closing of the mail for Shanghai, per *Peking*, is postponed till further notice.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet **IRAQUADD** will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 20th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, and Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Iowania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked **Payable Galle only**; they will go on from Galle unpaid.

Letters, &c., will be the better of clearing at Galle.

The following will give the hours of closing of
Mails, &c.:-
Wednesday, 10th instant,
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,
which remains open all night.
Thursday, 20th instant,
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-
ing of all correspondence.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11. A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters
11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until
11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOS
entirely. ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 6th April, 1876.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET
The English Contrast Packet **MONGOLIA**
will be despatched with the Mails for Europe
&c., on **SATURDAY**, the 22nd instant.
The following will be the hours of clearing
Mails, &c. —
Friday, 21st instant,
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M., Post Office closes except the News
Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 22nd instant,
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Lotteries, and Po

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters; Registry of Letters closes
10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on payment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage, until
11 A.M. when the Post Office CLOS
11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *via* Brindley or to Singapore, may be posted aboard the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 A.M. Posting on BURMA Mails.
ALFRED LISTER.
 Postmaster-General
 General Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 13th April, 1876.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
 PACKET.**

The United States' Mail Packet **CAEL**
 will be despatched on **MONDAY**, the
 May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco
 and the United States, which will be CLOS-
 ed as follows:-

2 P.M. Registry of Letters consols.

2.30 P.M. Post Office closes.

2.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted
board the Packet with Lite
of 12 cents extra Postage, unt
2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed.
Correspondence must be specially directed
this route, and if not fully prepaid will be a
British Packet.

Letters, &c., can be posted for Canada,
West Indies, and other places named below
sufficient American stamps are added to pre
mium from San Francisco to destination. A
are held at this Office.

The charge for Registry is 8 cents in Hongkong Stamps and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps; those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places upon correspondence cannot be registered there, but only to San Francisco (8 cents).

The following are the charges on correspondence thus sent:—

	PER HALF OUNCE	PER OUNCE
Canada, British Columbia, New	Hongkong U.S.	Hongkong U.S.
	Stamps. Stamps.	Stamps. Stamps.
	Cents. Cents.	Cents. Cents.

of	Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence	8
ay	Aspinwall, Bermuda, Bogota, Carthage, Costa Rica, Cuba, Car. etc, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, New Granada, Niangua, Panama, West India	8
at	Hawaii, New Foundland	8
	Guatemala, Mexico, Salvador, Venezuela	8
of	Bellin, Georgetown, Guiana, Honolule, Martinique, Santa Mar	8

the, Turk's Island.....	8	12
Brazil.....	8	12
Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru.....	8	12
Argentine Confederation, Bu- cnos Ayres, Paraguay, Uru- guay.....	8	25
Newspapers (not over 4 oz.).....	2	
Books, 6c. per 4 oz.....	6	10
Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers or Book Packets (as silk scarves, jewelry &c.) will be detained.		

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) has given notice to the General Post Office in Hong Kong that articles of Jewellery received in the Colony are chargeable with Customs Duties. The undersigned considers it necessary to issue this Regulation known to the Public, and to state that any letters or packets containing such articles sent through the Post are liable with their contents, to be forfeited.

As some misapprehension exists regard-
ing the transmission of Packets and Sam-
ples through the Post, it is hereby notified
that, for general information, that the Privilege of so-
nding such articles through the post at the re-
duced rate of postage applicable to them is restricted
to bona fide Trade Patterns or Samples of Merchan-
dise. Goods sent for Sale, or in execution
of an order (however small the quantity may
be) or any articles sent by one private individ-
ual to another which are not actually pattern
samples, are not admissible.

Postage on Correspondence forwarded

Private Ship to the Straits Settlements must be prepaid at the following rates, viz. —

For Letters,	2 cents per 4 ounces.
For Papers,	2 " " "
For Book Packets,	2 " " "
and Packets of 16 " " "	for each 4 ounces.

The registration fee on such correspondence is Twelve cents for each Letter, Paper or Packet.

There is a common belief in the existence of a Parcel Post by which such articles as Furniture, &c., can be sent to the Straits Settlements at a low rate. This is a mistake. The only Parcel Post is that which is provided for the use of the Colonies, and which is subject to the following regulations:—

Carious, Silk Dresses, Scarves, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth, &c., can be forwarded at low rates. It cannot be too distinctly stated that the things can only be sent as Letters, and the cheapest rate is 12 cents per half ounce. Private Steamers. All such packages must be Registered (5 cents). If the Parcel is to be sent through one of the Parcel Expresses conducted by Messrs. LANE, CHAPMAN & CO. or Mr. W. H. NOTLEY, which, for an extra charge of 75 cts. will be found cheaper than the Post.

